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International Mines Rescue Body

**Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and OTHER GOVERNMENTS**

Signed at Bytom, Poland May 29, 2001

with

Attachment



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . . the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

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Entered into force May 29, 2001.
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AGREEMENT

on the Appointment of the International Mines Rescue Body

The mines rescue representatives from the United Kingdom, France, Germany, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, South Africa, Australia and the United States of America agreed to appoint the International Mines Rescue Body during the Meeting in Ustroń-Jaszowiec (Poland) on 29 May 2001.

1. ***The objectives and aims of the IMRB shall be to promote the mines rescue operations in the international platform and initiate as well as support the co-operation aiming at the progress in the mines rescue area.***

2. The ***Regulations*** (Attachment No 1 hereto) shall constitute the Statutes of the IMRB.

3. The ***Steering Committee*** shall be responsible for managing the work of the IMRB. Mines Rescue Service from each country shall appoint a co-ordinator for the work of the IMRB in the territory of each country:

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| 1. OKD, Revirni Banska Zachranna Stanice | Czech Republic |
| 2. Houillères du Bassin de Lorraine HBL | France |
| 3. Mine Safety and Health Administration | United States of America |
| 4. Institutul National de Cercetare, Dezvoltare
Pentru Securitate Miniera si Protectie
Antiexploziva INSEMEX PETROSANI | Romania |

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| 5. | Hornonitrianskie Bane Prievidza, a.s.
Hlavna Banska Zachranna Stanica | Slovakia |
| 6. | Mines Rescue Service (PTY) Ltd. | South Africa |
| 7. | Mines Rescue Service NSW | Australia |
| 8. | Mines Rescue Services Ltd. | United Kingdom |
| 9. | Health and Safety Executive | United Kingdom |
| 10. | Centralna Stacja Ratownictwa Górniczego | Republic of Poland |

4. Meetings of the IMRB shall be held every two years, each time in a different country. A venue of the next meeting of the IMRB shall be specified at each meeting.

The representative of the mine rescue service from South Africa has taken the responsibility for organizing the meeting in 2003, while the representative of the mine rescue service from Australia proposed to host the meeting in 2005.

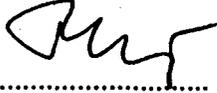
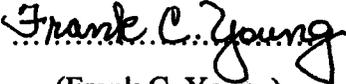
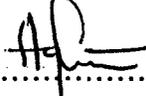
5. The IMRB members shall agree to participate in the organised meetings and to be involved in any and all forms of the IMRB activities.

6. The IMRB is willing to accept another representatives of the mine rescue services as its members at its meeting.

7. The membership shall be withdrawn upon a written notification of a IMRB Member's resignation presented during a meeting.

8. The Agreement in English shall become effective upon the execution by the IMRB members thereof.

The Signatories of the Agreement shall be as follows:

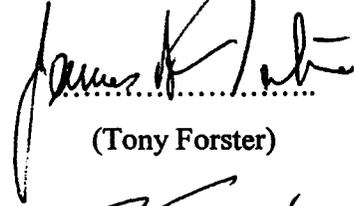
Ref. Name of Organisation	Signature
1. OKD, Revirni Banska Zachranna Stanice, Czech Republic	 (Vaclav Pošta)
2. Houillères du Bassin de Lorraine HBL, France	 (Jean-Pierre Amartin)
3. Mine Safety and Health Administration, United States of America	 (Frank C. Young)
4. Institutul National de Cercetare, Dezvoltare Pentru Securitate Miniera si Protectie Antiexploziva INSEMEX PETROSANI, Romania	 (George Artur Gaman)
5. Hornonitrianskie Bane Prievidza, a.s. Hlavna Banska Zachranna Stanica, Slovakia	 (Ratislav Januščák)
6. Mines Rescue Service (PTY) Ltd., South Africa	 (Robbie Snelson)
7. Mines Rescue Service NSW, Australia	 (Murray Bird)

8. Mines Rescue Services Ltd., United Kingdom



(Jim Shotton)

9. Health and Safety Executive, United Kingdom

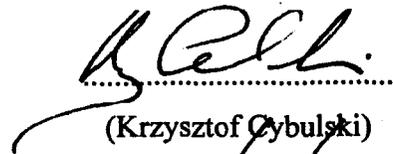


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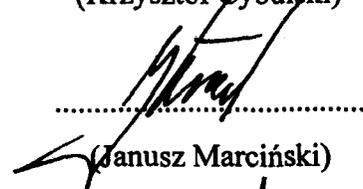
10. Centralna Stacja Ratownictwa Górniczego, Poland



(Zygmunt Kajdasz)



(Krzysztof Cybulski)



(Janusz Marciński)



(Maksymilian Burda)

Ustroń – Jaszowiec (Poland), 29 May 2001

Regulations of the International Mines Rescue Body

§ 1 General Provisions

1. Name of the IMRB

- 1.1. The International Mines Rescue Body is hereby appointed by the appropriate representatives of mines rescue staff members from different countries.
- 1.2. The International Mines Rescue Body may use a shortened name "IMRB".
- 1.3. The IMRB shall be an informal association.
- 1.4. The IMRB is appointed for indefinite period of time.

§ 2. IMRB Scope of Operation.

1. The IMRB shall have an international scope of operation.

§ 3. Major Objectives and Purposes of the IMRB

1. The objectives and aims of the IMRB are to promote the mines rescue operations in the international platform and initiate as well as support the cooperation aiming at the progress in the mines rescue area.
2. The IMRB may establish cooperation with other professional organizations, involved in mine rescue services.
3. The IMRB shall meet its objectives by:
 - an exchange of information on the organization of rescue brigades in different countries,
 - an exchange of information on rescue operations,
 - an exchange of information on methods and principles of rescue training,
 - an exchange of information on the technical equipment of the rescue staff,

- an exchange of the research findings on the rescue equipment, the respiratory system protection equipment in particular, already used or to be used in the future,
- the presentation of the new technical solutions and new technologies of rescue operations.

§ 4. Membership in the IMRB

1. The operation of the IMRB shall be based on the voluntary membership of the organizations representing rescue brigades and regulatory authorities of rescue activities of different countries and different types of the mining industry.
2. Representatives of other organizations involved in the mining industry, as well as those of the research and development centers may be invited to participate in the work of the IMRB.
3. The IMRB members shall be obliged to:
 - participate in meetings,
 - be involved in all forms of the IMRB activities, mentioned in § 3, pt 3.
4. The IMRB is willing to accept the new representatives of mine rescue services as its members at its meeting.
5. The membership shall be withdrawn upon a written notification of a IMRB Member's resignation presented during a meeting.

§ 5. Tasks to be Completed by the IMRB.

1. The IMRB shall complete its tasks by, among other activities, the following:
 - organization of the periodical, every two years, meetings of the rescue brigade representatives, and the meeting shall be each time held in a different country,

- preparation of the materials for the international mines rescue website,
- transfer of the information of common interest between the IMRB members,
- organization of the shows of rescue brigade operations in different countries during the meetings.

§ 6. Major Bodies of the IMRB.

1. The work of the IMRB shall be managed by the Steering Committee appointed during the meeting that shall initiate the operation of the IMRB in May 2001. The Committee shall be made up of the Leaders of delegations participating the Initiation Meeting.
2. The work of the IMRB during the periodical meetings shall be managed each time by the President of rescue staff (organization) in the country of the next meeting.
3. The costs related to participation in meetings of specific delegations shall be borne by the members of those delegations.
4. The Steering Committee shall appoint the rescue organization that will undertake to run an international mines rescue website.
5. The IMRB members agree to provide the information on the updated data of specific rescue brigades consistently to the President of the Steering Committee.

§ 7 Final Provisions.

1. The Regulations shall become effective upon execution by the members hereto.